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Dave, Laurie suggested that I inform you of the letter from the Kalispel Tribe to Opalski regarding the draft Ponderay Newsprint permit currently out for public comment (letter attached). I have written a response to the letter and will provide comments on the permit. I understand that you will be meeting with HQ to discuss the temperature TMDL early next week. FYI, The proposed permit incorrectly incorporates the not-yet-approved TMDL WLA. Depending on the approval status of the TMDL, it may be premature to incorporate the WLA in the permit.

At present, the tribes letter and the draft response relate strictly to the draft permit. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



Letter Osterman of Kalispel Tribe to Opalski re Ponderay Newsprint 100112.pdf

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Helen Rueda

Hi Karen Laurie Mann told me about the permit f...

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Table 12. Current operating conditions for the NPDES permittees.

Facility	Flow (m ³ /s)	Temperature (°C)	Uncertainty Factor
Newport wastewater treatment plant	0.022	22.9	1.1
Ponderay Newsprint Company	0.228	32.2	1.0
Ione wastewater treatment plant	0.009	22.9	1.1
Pend Oreille Mine (Teck Cominco)	0.063	22.3	1.0
Selkirk High School	0.0002	19.0	1.1

Hi Karen

Laurie Mann told me about the permit for Ponderay Newsprint. The allocations in the TMDL are given in the table above - they are linked to current operating conditions. The kcal per day allocations for a particular flow and this translates into a temperature, all are given in the wasteload allocation table. This is from page 75 of the TMDL

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/1010065.pdf>

If you have any questions give me a call

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Helen -- is this the most recent? If so, I'll use this.

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Helen Rueda

[Here is the briefing paper with Ben's edits. I hav...](#)

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Subject: Next reviewer

Here is the briefing paper with Ben's edits. I have reviewed it and made a few editorial changes. I am sending it out as a clean document because it is easier to read and edit this way. Don will be sending in comments next. Can Dave and Kelly let me know if they will be able to review it in the next couple days?

[attachment "Briefing Papers on Pend Oreille TMDL v3.docx" deleted by Kelly Gable/R3/USEPA/US]

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Thanks for that very kind introduction, Kim. I look forward to learning more about this case and helping out as we go forward.

Kim Owens Thanks, Helen. I look forward to reviewing and t... 10/11/2012 07:32:43 PM

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 Date: 10/11/2012 07:32 PM
 Subject: Introducing Kelly Gable

Thanks, Helen. I look forward to reviewing and to our run through tomorrow.

Meanwhile, I'd like to introduce you all to Kelly Gable from Region 3, who is doing a detail here in ORC Region 10 (remotely from Philadelphia for the most part). Kelly comes to us with a wealth of expertise on TMDLs, including Chesapeake Bay, and has graciously agreed to assist on Pend Oreille issues as needed. Based on a brief initial discussion, she's quickly grasped the complexity and intriguing nature of

the issues raised here.

I've sent Kelly the Tribe's March letter, their July presentation to HQ, and today's latest version of Region 10's power point. She's also interested in participating in tomorrow's run through and Monday's HQ meeting to learn more. I expect she'll be a great asset as we move forward. Please join me in welcoming her to Region 10 and the Pend Oreille River Temperature TMDL.

- Kim

Helen Rueda

[Please send me any comments you have on this...](#)

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Subject: Presentation with major improvements - Thanks Ben!

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